their views in respect of the castes|tribes in their respective areas based on such studies as they feel necessary.

Affixing of photograph on ration card

1246. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made it obligatory for every resident of Delhi to affix a copy of his attested photograph on the ration card;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of ration zones in Delhi where this scheme has already been introduced;

(d) by when the entire Delhi ration circle is likely to be covered by this scheme; and

(e) whether Central Government Employees have been exempted from such scheme and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) In order to help the elimination of bogus ration cards, the Delhi Administration have stipulated that the photograph of the head of the family should be affixed on the food cards in Delhi. month.

(c) and (d) The Scheme which is being implemented in a phased manner has so far covered 26 of the 44 circles in Delhi. The remaining circles are likely to be covered by the end of this calendar

(e) The Scheme covers all food card holders including Central Government employees.

Abolition of licence fee for Government accommodation

1247. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to abolish the licence fee in respect of the accommodation allotted to its employees keeping in view of the increased House Rent Allowance recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor and in which manner Government propose to compensate its employees who have been allotted Government accommodation and who have to forgo a substantive amount of House Rent Allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the orders issued by the Ministry of Finance, House Rent Allowance is not admissible to those who occupy accommodation provided by Government.

Assistance to Orissa for flood relief

1248. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level committee was recently sent from the Centre to Orissa for assessment on the requirement of funds in the State for flood relief;

(b) if so, what were the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the fund released in 1986 to the State for flood relief measures?